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SUMMARY. THUS FAR, NO USG SPONSORED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN QATAR. WHILE WE BELIEVE REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT HERE, IT WILL FIRST BE NECESSARY TO GET ACROSS TO GOQ AT HIGHEST LEVEL GENERAL CONCEPT OF RTA. TO THIS END, WE SECOND ABU DHABI'S RECOMMENDATION THAT SURVEY TEAM PROPOSED REF A BE PRECEDED BY VISIT OF SENIOR USG OFFICIAL WHO COULD PROVIDE OUTLINE OF RTA. PAST EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THAT PROPOSALS SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO WORKING LEVEL PLANNERS IN QATAR ARE ALMOST INVARIABLY LOST IN BUREAUCRATIC SHUFFLE. END SUMMARY.

1. AS DEPT IS AWARE, AID OFFICE OF HOUSING AND EMBASSY HAVE TRIED FOR PAST YEAR TO GET GOQ ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL FOR REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN HOUSING FIELD. DESPITE SEVERAL EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND REQUESTS FOR EXPANDED OR UPDATED PROPOSALS, NO DECISION HAS
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BEEN MADE. AS RESULT OF THIS EXPERIENCE, WE OFFER FOLLOWING

SUGGESTIONS FOR APPROACHES ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. FIRST, WORKING LEVEL APPROACH TO GOQ ON WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY NEW CONCEPT STANDS LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCESS. WE FEEL INITIAL VISIT BY RANKING USG OFFICIAL WHO COULD BRIEF AMIR ON RTA PROGRAMS AND CAPABILITIES IS NECESSARY. AS NOTED IN ABU DHABI RESPONSE, IF THERE IS REAL INTEREST AT THE TOP IT WILL HOPEFULLY BE COMMUNICATED TO OTHER LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT. WE AGREE WITH ABU DHABI THAT UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON WOULD BE EXCELLENT CHOICE FOR MISSION. WE NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT EVEN SUPPORT OF AMIR FOR RTA IS NO CERTAIN GUARANTEE OF SUCCESS. WE CONTINUE TO HEAR THAT MANY OF THE AMIR'S INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT CARRIED OUT BY SUBORDINATES EITHER THROUGH NEGLIGENCE OR DESIGN.

2. IN LINE WITH KUWAIT REFTTEL, WE BELIEVE THAT QATARIS TOO WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT GENERAL PROGRAM OF REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, OPTING INSTEAD FOR ASSISTANCE ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. UN AGENCIES AND PRIVATE CONSULTANTS ARE PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, AND IF GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO ACT ON USG OFFER OF RTA, IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE VIEWED AS SUPPLEMENT TO RATHER THAN REPLACEMENT FOR ONGOING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

3. RE VISIT OF STUDY TEAM, ASSUMING THAT PRELIMINARY HIGH LEVEL APPROACH IS MADE AND RESPONSE FROM GOQ IS FAVORABLE, FOUR OR FIVE DAY VISIT BY TEAM SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT, NUMBER OF OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING EXTREMELY LIMITED AND WE BELIEVE DISCUSSIONS WITH HANDFUL OF KEY PERSONALITIES WOULD MEET OBJECTIVES OF STUDY TEAM AS SET FORTH IN REF A. IT POSSIBLE, OF COURSE, THAT GOQ RESPONSE MIGHT JUSTIFY LONGER STAY BY TEAM.

4. WE AGREE WITH OTHER POSTS THAT TEAM VISIT SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER FIRST OF YEAR.
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